

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending and have been examined in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Smith, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,487). Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in light of Weissappel, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,857,148). Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in view of Suso, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,466,202). Claim 1 has been amended hereby. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and below remarks.

On January 24, 2005, the undersigned representative of the Applicant conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner. The Applicant would like to, once again, take this opportunity to thank the Examiner for granting this interview.

As a result of the phone interview with the Examiner, Applicant has agreed to amend claim 1 to overcome the rejection of claims 1 and 3-5 over Smith. Currently amended claim 1 explicitly requires that "said screens being substantially transparent and being arranged **in an opposed and aligned manner** over the first and second sides of said liquid crystal display plates." Applicant respectfully submits that the "opposed and aligned" feature of the present invention is neither taught nor suggested by Smith. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 on the basis of Smith is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in view of Weissappel. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner combined Smith with Weissappel to reject dependent claim 2. Claim 2 incorporates the limitations of

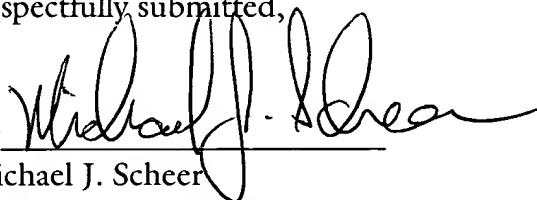
independent claim 1 (namely, at least, the “opposed and aligned” feature). Weisshappel was added for its disclosure of a battery provided on the second case. However, Weisshappel does not cure any of the defects of Smith discussed above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2 is neither taught nor suggested by the combination of Smith and Weisshappel.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Smith in light of Suso. Dependent claim 6 incorporates the limitations of independent claim 1 (namely, at least, the “opposed and aligned” feature). Suso was added for its disclosure of a sensing switch for sensing said first and second cases are opened to each other. However, Suso does not cure any of the defects of Smith as discussed above. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 6 is neither taught nor suggested by the combination of Smith and Suso.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 is therefore respectfully requested. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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